



## ***SOME INFORMATION ON THE INLAND NORTHWEST AGC SPONSERED OPEN SHOP APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM***

**APPRENTICESHIP** is a means of learning a trade while earning a wage in that trade. The program combines classroom training with actual on-the-job experience. Apprentices begin work at a lesser wage than skilled (journeyman) workers but that rate of pay increases as the apprentice's skills increase

The cost to the apprentice for participation in the program is the cost of tuition and tools. Tuition costs, at the present time, are \$350.00 for carpenters and \$485.00 for operators. Tools for carpenters run approximately \$200 to start.

### **CARPENTERS**

- 1) Age -Be at least 18 years old
- 2) Education -High school or equivalent
- 3) Physical- Be physically able to perform the work of the trade.
- 4) Testing -None
- 5) Other -Provide proof of age

### **CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

- 1) Age -Not less than eighteen years of age.
- 2) Education -High school graduate or have a G.E.D.
- 3) All applicants shall be physically able to perform the work of the trade. A physical or Physician's evaluation may be required.
- 4) Testing -None
- 5) Other -None

Additionally, at the time of registration, the person must show a birth certificate, (construction equipment operator applicants only) social security card and valid drivers license (copies will be made for our files). All applicants must also keep their application active by signing, each month, the Apprenticeship Register at the SCC Apprenticeship Center located at 2110 N Fancher, Spokane, WA. 99212.

The CARPENTRY program is approximately a four-year program, while the CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR program averages three years.

The two programs administered by the Inland Northwest AGC are "Open Shop" programs, means that union membership is not a requirement for participation. Participation in the AGC program does not ensure a job in construction. However, the Inland Northwest AGC Apprenticeship Program works with contractors to locate apprentice positions for those in the program. Apprenticeship programs also provide equal opportunities for women and minorities.

Following registration with the program each applicant will be notified by mail when it is time for an interview with the apprenticeship committee, which is composed of construction industry representatives. The committee will make a final determination as to the applicant's acceptance into the program.

At the end of the apprenticeship period, those completing the program will be issued a state certificate identifying the person as a journeyman in the particular trade. That certification should provide the ability to find work in the industry throughout the country.

Information and applications may be obtained at the SCC Apprenticeship Center located at 2110 N Fancher, Spokane, WA. 99212- (509) 533-2563

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT:** The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, or sex. The sponsor shall take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship programs as required by the rules of the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council and Title 29, Part 30 of the Code of Federal labor Standards. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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